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SUBJECT: RESOLUTION OF CUBAN SANCTIONS AT SAN JOSE MTG.

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1. DURING REVIEW OF MOST IMPORTANT RIO TREATY ARTICLES  
WITH FOREIGN MINISTER FACIO'S CHIEF OF CABINET MARIO BLANCO  
JULY 10 (SEPTTEL), BLANCO VOLUNTEERED TO EMBOFF THE FOLLOWING  
COMMENTS ABOUT CUBA SANCTIONS IN CONTEXT OF DISCUSSION  
OF ARTICLE 17:

A. THAT SAN JOSE MEETING WAS CALLED FOR PURPOSE  
OF REFORM OF RIO TREATY. THERE IS A GREAT DEAL OF  
CONFUSION THAT PURPOSE IS ALSO TO DEAL WITH CUBA  
SANCTIONS.

B. THAT IF THERE IS AN EFFORT AFTER RESOLUTION  
OF ARTICLE 17 TO DEAL WITH CUBA SANCTIONS IN SAN JOSE,  
COSTA RICA WOULD GO ALONG. OR, HE STATED, SANCTIONS  
COULD BE TAKEN UP AT SOME LATER TIME.

C. THAT THE 2/3-VOTE REQUIREMENT FOR "DECISIONS"  
BY THE TREATY'S ORGAN OF CONSULTATION WILL STILL BE  
VALID UNTIL THE PROTOCOL OF AMENDMENT COMES INTO  
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EFFECT. BLANCO STATED THAT GETTING 14 VOTES TO LIFT

SANCTIONS IS STILL THE SOLUTION, AND SAID THAT IF THE U.S. WENT ALONG HE WAS SURE ONE OR TWO MORE WOULD VOTE YES AS WELL. IN THIS CONTEXT HE RECALLED COSTA RICA'S EXPERIENCE AT QUITO, AND SAID THAT COSTA RICA DOES NOT WANT TO GET ITSELF INTO THAT SITUATION AGAIN.

3. COMMENT: BLANCO IS SENIOR MINISTRY OFFICIAL CLOSEST TO FACIO. IN THE PAST (BEFORE AND AFTER QUITO MEETING) HE HAS BEEN PRIVY TO FACIO'S MOST CLOSELY HELD STRATEGY ON CUBA. WE CANNOT BE SURE, HOWEVER, THAT HE IS PRIVY TO FACIO'S RECENT CONVERSATIONS WITH AMBASSADOR (REFTELS), OR THAT HE THOUGHT EMBOFF WAS. HIS CLEAR IMPLICATION THAT COSTA RICA WILL NOT GET OUT IN FRONT ON CUBAN SANCTIONS BUT WOULD GO ALONG WITH SOMEBODY ELSE'S LEAD, COULD SIMPLY BE PART OF FACIO'S STRATEGY TO PRESERVE ATMOSPHERE OF SPONTANIETY ON CUBA SANCTIONS UNTIL AFTER THE RIO TREATY IS OUT OF THE WAY. AT THE SAME TIME, EMBASSY SO FAR HAS NO INDICATION THAT FACIO IS CONSULTING OR PREPARING ANYTHING IN ADVANCE ALONG LINES OF FREEDOM OF ACTION RESOLUTION AS HE INDICATED HE WOULD TO AMBASSADOR.

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